

Appl. No. 09/930,584
Amdt. dated Sept. 15, 2004
Reply to Office action of May 13, 2004

REMARKS

In the Office Action of May 13, 2004, claims 1 and 61-118 were rejected. The Examiner apparently renumbered claims 2-59 from the Preliminary Amendment mailed December 7, 2001, as claims 61-118. With the present Amendment, claims 61, 62, 64-72 and 74-118 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 63 and 73 are amended herewith.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 61-76 and 80-118 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-56 of U.S. Patent 6,304,598. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith to overcome this rejection.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 61, 65, 68, 70-72, 74-80, 82, 84, 90, 92, 103, 107, 108, 110-113 and 177 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Miller (U.S. Patent 4,805,215). These claims are canceled herewith without prejudice.

The Examiner rejected claims 62, 64, 66, 67, 69, 78-81, 83, 85-89, 91, 93-102, 104-106, 109, 114-116 and 118 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller (U.S. Patent 4,805,215). These claims are canceled herewith without prejudice.

The only rejection of claims 63 and 73 is the double patenting rejection. Because that rejection is overcome by the terminal disclaimer, Applicant submits that claims 63 and 73 are allowable. Claims 63 and 73 are amended herewith to incorporate the limitations of their respective base claims and their intervening claims.

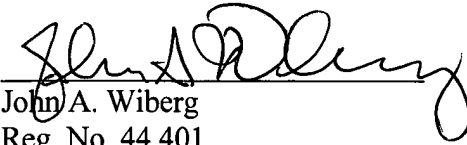
In view of the foregoing, Applicant requests allowance of claims 63 and 73.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fees or credit any overpayment by this submission to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,

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